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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belton Park, Grantham. 1-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training. Reinforcements under Training.	See Appendix B " " C
2-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training. Reinforcements marched out.	" " B " " C
3-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
4-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training. Reinforcements marched in.	" " B " " C
5-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training. Reinforcements marched in.	" " B " " C
6-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
7-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
8-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training. Reinforcements marched in and out.	" " B " " C
9-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training. Reinforcements marched in and out.	" " B " " C
10-1-18 10-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
11-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C

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12-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	See Appendix B. " " C
13-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
14-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
15-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
16-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
17-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
18-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
19-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
20-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training. Reinforcements marched in.	" " B " " C
21-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
22-2-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C

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Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
23-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	See Appendix B " " C
24-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
25-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
26-1-18	Daily Strength Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
27-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
28-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
29-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
30-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C
31-1-18	Daily Strength. Reinforcements under Training.	" " B " " C

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WAR DIARY

OF

AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN TRAINING DEPOT, GRANTHAM.

FOR

JANUARY

1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
A.	Meteorological Notes. (See Intelligence Summary).
B.	Daily Strength.
C.	No. of Reinforcements &c.
D.	Medical Statistics.
E.	Reports on Training and Drafts. NIL.
F.	Discipline.
G.	Training Syllabi.
H.	Personnel attending Schools and Courses.
I.	Inspections by General Officers Commanding. NIL.
J.	Policies of Administration and Training &c. NIL.
K.	Changes found necessary in Organisation and establishment. NIL.
L.	Copies of Official Correspondence of Special Interest. NIL.
M.	Other Items of Special Interest. NIL.

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Belton Park, Grantham	<p>A. The weather conditions at the Australian Machine Gun Training Depot during the month of January were not in any way excessive. The nights were very/ chilly.</p> <p>B. Daily Strength (Attached).</p> <p>C. Nos. of Reinforcements &c. (Attached).</p> <p>D. Medical Statistics (Attached).</p> <p>E. No reports have been received by this Depot as to the efficiency of men despatched overseas; but training in general has greatly improved.</p> <p>F. During the month of January cases of punishment where cessation of pay was awarded amounted to only 19 cases. The report of the A.P.M. Grantham shows that the behaviour and discipline of the Australian Troops have been excellent. (Report Attached)</p> <p>G. Training has been carried out according to Syllabus compiled by Supervising Officer in charge of Training and Company Commanders. (Specimen attached).</p> <p>H. 5 N.C.O's passed through Harrowby Machine Gun School after passing examination fitting them to become Instructors 1st. Class. 31 N.C.O's attended Instruction Classes conducted by Officer in Charge of Training, Aust. Machine Gun Training Depot, Grantham. 2 Officers also attended Harrowby Machine Gun Course School.</p> <p>I. Nil</p> <p>J. Nil</p>	

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	<p>K. Nil.</p> <p>L. Nil.</p> <p>M. Nil.</p>	

APPENDIX "B". DAILY STRENGTH.

DATE.	Officers.	O/R's.
1-1-18.	41	854
2	41	828
3	43	829
4	45	888
5	45	902
6	46	905
7	46	905
8	47	917
9	47	1027
10	47	1018
11	44	1017
12	44	1015
13	44	1014
14	44	1014
15	44	1013
16	44	1012
17	44	1000
18	44	1000
19	44	1006
20	44	1045
21	44	1045
22	45	1044
23	45	1043
24	45	1043
25	45	1045
26	46	1045
27	46	1045
28	46	1045
29	46	1043
30	46	1041
31	46	1043

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APPENDIX "C" NUMBERS OF REINFORCEMENTS.

Date.	<u>MARCHED IN.</u>		From.	<u>TRAINED OR UNDER TRAINING.</u>		Off.	O/R.	<u>MARCHED OUT.</u>	
	Off.	O/R.		Off.	O/R.			Off.	To.
1-1-18				8	575			1	Bulford.
2				8	574			25	B.E.F.
3	2	2	B.E.F., and Parkhouse.	12	570			2	1st.GWH & Parkhouse.
4	2	13	B.E.F. and Parkhouse.	15	610			2	Belton Hosp. & O.T.B.
5	1	63	O.T.B. and B.E.F.	14	603			1	O.T.B.
6				14	601				
7		12	Sutton Veny	14	601				
8	1		B.E.F.	14	604	5			B.E.F.
9		128	O.T.B.	14	738			28	Pioneer Batt.Sutton Veny, Parkhouse, and Weymouth.
10	1	1	Sutton Veny & Tidworth	14	749				
11	1	1	Tidworth & Parkhouse.	8	731			1	Belton Hosp.
12		1	Belton Hosp.	9	740			2	Bulford; Hurdcott.
13		1	Bulford	9	741			2	Sutton Veny; Weymouth
14				11	741			1	Bulford
15				11	741				
16				11	741			1	Belton Hosp.
17				11	741			3	London; O.T.B.
18				11	740			3	Bulford; Parkhouse.
19		4	Parkhouse	11	743			3	Belton Hosp.
20		38	O.T.B.; B.E.F.	11	781			1	do do
21	1	2	B.E.F.; Sutton Veny; Belt.Hos.	11	782				
22				12	776			2	Tidworth.
23				12	770			1	Bulford.
24		4	Bulford.	12	770			2	Weymouth; Bulford.
25	1	2	Hurdcott; Parkhouse	13	776				
26				13	772				
27				13	772				
28				13	770				
29				13	767				
30				11	768				
31				11	775.				

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APPENDIX "D" MEDICAL STATISTICS.

DATE.

STATISTICS.

11-1-18.	52	o/r re-boarded - 1 A3; 1 Bla; 3 B2a; 1 B2b; 45 Cl; 1 Cl (Aust.)	
23-1-18	1	o/r in Isolation.	
24-1-18	1	do	do
25-1-18	1	do	do
26-1-18	1	do	do
27-1-18	2	do	do
28-1-18	2	do	do
29-1-18	3	do	do
30-1-18	3	do	do
31-1-18	3	do	do

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APPENDIX F - DISCIPLINE.

Reports furnished by Assistant Provost Marshall - Grantham.

WEEK ENDING.	Cases dealt with by Military Police.	Arrests made by Military Police.	Casualties in Military Police.	Dress.	Conduct of Troops.	Conduct of Hotels.	Conduct of Saluting.	Conduct of Military Police.
5-1-18	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Good.	Good.	Good.	Good.	Good.
14-1-18	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Good.	Good.	Good.	Good.	Good.
27-1-18	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Good.	A great improve- ment again.	Good.	Excellent.	Good.

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APPENDIX G. TRAINING SYLLABUS.

FIFTH WEEK.

	8.30 to 9.30	9.30 to 10.30	10.30 to 11.30	11.30 to 12.30	1.45 to 2.45	2.45 to 3.45	3.45 to 4.45.
MONDAY	I.A.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Phys. Training $\frac{1}{2}$ Bayonet Fighting	Mechanism	Spare Parts Blindfolded	Combined drill on rough ground	Laying and Switching.	Lecture: Characteristics.
TUESDAY	Rough Ground Drill in Shell Holes	Tactical	Section "A"	Drill	Live Bomb Throwing.	I.A. in Gas Helmets.	Examination of Gun. 5.15.p.m. Issue Box Respirators.
WEDNESDAY	Route			March. Foot Inspection.	Stripping and Adjustments.	Lecture. Part II GMGC	Points before firing. Belt Filling.
THURSDAY.	Part II G.M.G.C. Practices 8, 9, and 10.				Points after firing. Care and cleaning.	Demonstration Direct overhead Fire.	Lecture : Trench Routine & Sentry Duties.
FRIDAY.	Special Stoppages.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Phys. Training. $\frac{1}{2}$ Examination of gun.	Mechanism.	Combined Drill.	Live Gas Chamber.	Use of Instruments.	I. A.
SATURDAY.	Route			March. Foot Inspection.			

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APPENDIX "H" PERSONNEL ATTENDING SCHOOLS AND COURSES.

Date.	Particulars.
4-1-18	1 N.C.O. to O.C.B. Cambridge.
7-1-18	5 N.C.O's to Harrowby School.
7-1-18	24 N.C.O's to Aust. M.G.Depot Course.
14-1-18	7 do do do
20-1-18	2 Officers to Harrowby M.G. Course.

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